



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6687

LCO No. 4542

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:
(APP)

***AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF GOALS ESTABLISHED IN THE "BUILDING
BRIDGES: FROM CONVICTION TO EMPLOYMENT" REPORT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The joint standing
2 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
3 relating to the judiciary and to appropriations and the budgets of state
4 agencies shall monitor the implementation of recommendations set
5 forth in the addendum addressing the January 15, 2003, report
6 published by the Council of State Governments entitled "Building
7 Bridges: From Conviction to Employment", concerning the following:
8 (1) The establishment of a conditional parole release requirement
9 mandating the nondiscretionary release of certain inmates to a
10 mandatory period of parole supervision; (2) the authority of the
11 chairperson of the Board of Parole to transfer an inmate from prison to
12 any public or private nonprofit halfway house, group home or mental
13 health facility, or to an approved community or private residence at
14 any time within eighteen months of the inmate's parole release date or
15 conditional parole release date; (3) replacement of the current Board of
16 Parole with a five-member board with a full-time chairperson serving

17 as chief executive and whose authority and responsibility include
18 appointment of an executive director to oversee the granting,
19 revocation or rescission of parole and the development and
20 maintenance of noninstitutional, community-based service programs
21 as outlined in the report addendum; and (4) issues set forth in the
22 addendum related to special parole, incremental sanctions for
23 technical violations of parole and alternatives to incarceration. The
24 committees shall report their findings to the General Assembly not
25 later than January 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, in accordance with
26 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
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Statement of Purpose:

To monitor the implementation of various recommendations contained in the addendum of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee to a report prepared by the Council of State Governments entitled "Building Bridges: From Conviction to Employment".

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]